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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 69.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.50 cents last year on January 19, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	136.00
BREASTS - B/S	107.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	56.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50
LEG QUARTERS	26.50
WINGS	97.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for active retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Wings were close to tight and continued to move seasonally well. Breast items were better balanced to available, and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were in close balance to tight. Breast items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily; dark meat cuts were adequate to at least adequate.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Fill-in trade into the Chicago area on 3 pound wogs was reported at 46 cents. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best into fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to long with incoming orders on as needed basis. Weights were in a desirable range. Supplies of wings were limited; all other items were sufficient for trade call, although breast cuts were noted as in better balance. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings; steady on breast cuts and leg quarters and steady to firm on all other dark meat cuts.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings in fair balance to fully adequate. Buying activity was adequate for immediate needs. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good where featured. Floor stocks generally adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 01/14/06		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2006	2005	
EGGS SET	213,045	209,544	+02
CHICKS PLACED	172,309	173,733	-01

Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 14, 2006. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 14, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through January 14, 2006 were 347 million, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Feb-06 is estimated at 160.1 million head. This compares to 160.7 million head the previous week and to 163.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.47 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	705	85.00-155.00	-	94.48
TENDERLOINS	213	78.00-139.00	82-86	84.99
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	208	30.00-48.00	32-34	33.58
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	18.00-25.00	21-22	21.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,129	20.00-30.00	23-25	23.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	90.00-102.00	95-97	96.72
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JANUARY 18, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.50 - 42.00	39.06	38.23

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was fair to mostly moderate during mid week trading. Offerings of breast items were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate for current trade needs. Wings were well cleared to tight. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm for wings; steady to at least steady for breast cuts. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100	99.07	541,680
TENDERLOINS	90-95	97.83	175,580
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	62.73	83,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	49.44	81,000
LEGS	39-40	40.81	177,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.27	317,160
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	32.74	123,480
THIGHS	32-33	40.22	56,960
B/S THIGHS	99-100	94.79	72,180
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	96.69	212,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.16	27,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	47.55	15,603
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.38	18,360

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS	AVG WTS
	01/18	01/17	01/16	01/13	01/16
Alabama	3,593	3,920	2,453	3,991	4.75
Arkansas	5,271	5,379	5,313	5,786	5.42
Delmarva	2,301	2,318	(A)	2,559	(A)
KY-LA-TN	2,304	2,293	(A)	2,911	(A)
Mississippi	2,909	2,980	1,439	3,216	4.76
North Carolina	2,566	2,573	1,643	3,547	6.82
Texas	2,555	2,511	2,407	2,523	5.33
Total	21,499	21,974	15,748	24,802	5.39
5.61					5.60
Mon-Wed	59,467 (B)				66,738 (B)

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Jan-06 is estimated to be 32,165,000 head down 1.10 percent from a week ago and down 4.69 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,524,000, last year 33,748,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	114
	ICE PACK	89-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	118
	ICE PACK	100
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	109
	ICE PACK	88-102
DUCKS		185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Jan-06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/21/06 (1)	01/14/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	160,366 (2)	154,042
Light hens	1,513	1,578
Heavy hens	1,426	1,316
Total	163,305	156,936

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Jan-06 is 156.5 million head compared to 151.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.7 million head or 4.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-Jan-06 the estimated available is 160.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 01/16/06	40,985	65,374
AM 01/01/06	31,772	67,392
CHG	9,213	-2,018
PCT CHG	29	-3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/16/06	01/09/06	01/17/05	01/16/06	01/09/06	01/17/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,036	457	3,960	5,296	5,575	4,091
LOS ANGELES	62	54	51	3,049	3,113	1,493

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2006

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-86

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 1/17/06**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	.55	.32	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.25	3.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.10	1.85	1.28	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.85	1.85	1.49	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.50	6.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	40						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 13, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	42.95	115.95	60.12	12.88	4.29	77.30
High	64.42	120.25	68.71	17.18	8.59	77.30
Mostly	64.42	120.25	64.42	12.88	4.29	77.30
SAN JUAN						
Low	42.95	120.25	60.12	12.88	4.29	77.30
High	64.42	128.84	68.71	17.18	8.59	77.30
Mostly	64.42	124.54	64.42	12.88	4.29	77.30
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	38.65	120.25	51.53	12.88	4.29	73.01
High	64.42	124.54	64.42	17.18	8.59	73.01
Mostly	64.42	120.25	60.12	12.88	4.29	73.01
BECERRA						
Low	42.95	128.84	68.71	17.18	4.29	85.89
High	68.71	133.13	77.30	21.47	8.59	85.89
Mostly	64.42	128.84	73.01	17.18	4.29	85.89

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally fair to moderate. Offerings were generally adequate and were clearing satisfactorily at most points. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, wings continued to clear well. Buyer interest for immediate delivery of bone-in and boneless/skinless breast was keeping the bulk of offerings cleared satisfactorily. Leg cuts were irregularly balanced. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 01/14/2006 WAS 12,083,588 @ 5.71 LBS.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	54-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

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